IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
		:	Examiner: Mark Staples
TADASHI OKAMOTO)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 10/591,798)	
		:	Confirmation No.: 4676
371(c) Date: May 29, 2007)	
		:	
For:	METHOD OF DETECTING)	
	NUCLEIC ACID USING	:	
	AMPLIFICATION ON AN)	
	ARRAY	:	May 5, 2010

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2010 for one month from April 5, 2010 to May 5, 2010.

The \$130.00 fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3939. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,

California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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